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SUBJ: IREX/FULBRIGHT GRANTEE - JERRY SABO

1. DURING YALE RICHMOND VISIT TO BRATISLAVA, JANUARY 28, EMBOFF AND RICHMOND SPOKE WITH IREX/FULBRIGHT GRANTEE JERRY SABO, NOW DOING RESEARCH IN THAT CITY. SABO HOLDS IREX GRANT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 29 AND FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR TEN MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30. SLOVAK AUTHORITIES HAVE THUS FAR DECLINED TO APPROVE SABO STAY BEYOND END OF FEBRUARY.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE TO PREVAIL ON SLOVAK AUTHORITIES TO EXTEND SABO RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR FOUR MONTHS BEYOND TERMINATION DATE IREX GRANT, BUT ASKS THAT CU INVESTIGATE ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITY IREX REQUESTING SCHOLAR-WITHOUT-STIPEND STATUS FOR SABO FOR FOUR MONTHS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 29. IF IREX CONCURS, REQUEST IMMEDIATE IREX NOTIFICATION TO THAT EFFECT DIRECT TO SLOVAK MINED, AND CU CONFIRMATION TO EMBASSY RE STATUS REQUEST. SABO REQUIRES DECISION BY FEBRUARY 15 IN ORDER TO MAKE TIMELY ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO EXPIRATION OF CURRENT RESIDENCE PERMIT, FEBRUARY 29.

3. ORIGINAL SLOVAK OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF SABO'S PRESENCE IN BRATISLAVA WAS ON SOLE BASIS OF FORMAL LOCAL STATUS AS IREX SCHOLAR. SLOVAK MINED HAS INDICATED IT WOULD SUPPORT SPECIAL EXTENSION OF RESIDENCE PERMIT ON BASIS OF WRITTEN EMBASSY REQUEST, BUT EMBASSY STRONGLY DESIRES TO AVOID UNUSUAL
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EMBASSY INTERVENTION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF SABO'S SOMEWHAT

DELICATE POSITION AS JESUIT SCHOLAR WITH NUMEROUS RELATIVES
IN SLOVAKIA. ADVISE. PERRY

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